

HOUSE No. 985

By Mr. Hall of Westford (by request), petition of Joanne Cone relative to the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court Department in certain cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AMENDING THE PROCEEDINGS UPON APPREHENSION AFTER EIGHTEENTH BIRTHDAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 72A of Chapter 119 of the Massachusetts General Laws
2 is amended by adding after the first paragraph, the following new
3 paragraph:
4 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
5 nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit the filing in the division of
6 the juvenile court department of charges for a person who com-
7 mits an offense or violation prior to their seventeenth birthday but
8 is not charged with such offense or violation until after their sev-
9 enteenth birthday when the court is of the opinion that such juris-
10 diction is in the best interest of the public.